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## Center to Converge Technology, Media

By COLLEEN HUBER

The new Convergence Center currently under construction promises sophisticated equipment for the students and staff of the University of Mary Washington.

However, the sophistication promised is more of a concept than anything definitive currently. Although, this is not to say that the technology planned for the center now is not sophisticated. However, according to Associate Provost John Morello, the plans for the building are quite advanced.

"The buildings technology is designed so that it is adaptable to the future," said Morello. "It will be able to change with the new."

The idea is that the Convergence Center will not be stuck with old technology, as the technology in the future will inevitably change, according to Morello.

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The basement of the Convergence Center will offer many amenities for students and staff, including multimedia labs.

One of the labs will have Mac and PC workstations with software to enable students to create "high quality multimedia presentations," according to the Sextant Group, Inc. Audiovisual System Descriptions pamphlet.

The Sextant Group, Inc. is a national independent technology-consulting firm.

The labs will also feature vocal recording booths, audio recording and microphones. Each of the labs will contain at least one 27-inch desktop flat-panel display, according to the pamphlet.

One of the labs will contain a blue-ray burner and player,

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Courtesy of UMW

A composite sketch of what the Convergence Center will look like when it is completed in 2014.

## Constant Building Hinders Students

By GREG JONES

The construction of the Convergence Center and Hyatt Place Hotel on and near the University of Mary Washington campus has generated mixed reactions among the student body.

Within the next two years, on and off campus facilities will be going through a considerable amount of construction.

Junior business major Maggie Willis is excited for the future of the school improvements.

"I think the Convergence Center will add character to UMW's campus and enable students to easily work with fellow students and professors with the newest technology right at their fingertips," said Willis.

The UMW community will soon have resources available that are not typical for a university the size of UMW.

Senior international affairs major Logan Martinez believes UMW is headed in the right direction.

"It will be offering a lot for future students. It's a great investment, and I wish I would be here to see the completion," said Martinez. "It is exciting to think about."

While the construction will bring changes to the campus, it

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## Poetry Professor Honored by Girl Scouts

By CHARLOTTE RODINA

Arrington Distinguished Chair of Poetry and Professor of English Claudia Emerson was named one of seven "Women of Distinction" of 2012 by the Girl Scouts of the Commonwealth of Virginia.

Emerson's award focused on her accomplishments in culture and communication. She was honored for her activities in teaching and writing, as well as

her involvement in the community.

"I've judged poetry contests and book contests, and I'm very involved in the Library of Virginia," said Emerson.

Emerson received the award during a ceremony on Wednesday, Sept. 26. The Girl Scouting Review Committee chose the "Women of Distinction" based on their ability to serve as examples of courage, confidence and character.



Courtesy of UMW

Claudia Emerson.

"It was a great honor to get the call, especially since I was once a girl scout," Emerson said.

Award recipients are not required to have any past connections to the Girl Scouts, but Emerson showed her pride by wearing a Girl Scout pin and bringing her old sash, covered in patches, to the award ceremony.

Emerson won the 2006 Pulitzer Prize in Poetry for her collection "Late Wife." She is teaching two creative writing

courses in poetry this fall, after taking a year off for a sabbatical.

She recently finished her next book of poetry, "The Opposite House," which contains third-person portraits and themes of loss and medical history, according to Emerson.

"The event itself was great," said Emerson. "And it was great that [the award recipients] have all given back to the community."

## BB&T ATM in Lee to Replace Nest Location

By COLLEEN HUBER

BB&T is replacing the Virginia Credit Union (VACU) ATM in Lee Hall in late October.

The machine will be installed on Oct. 18 and will be ready for use the following day, Oct. 19, according to Rick Pearce, vice president for administration and finance.

VACU used to have an ATM on campus for more than 10 years in the Woodard Campus Center. However, federal laws concerning accessibility and security were tightened, and the ATM provided by the VACU did not meet the new requirements.

Along with not meeting the new requirements, VACU chose not to renew their terms with UMW because the money and number of transactions occurring at the ATM on campus were not sufficient to sustain the VACU, according to Pearce.

Pearce put out a request for a proposal, a public document that gave a description to the public of the University's interest in obtaining a new ATM, to several different banks and received responses from seven different banks, but BB&T provided the best response in terms of pricing.

"Everyone else was higher than \$2 for non-member transactions," said Pearce.

The campus will have only one ATM for the time being for a simple reason, according to Pearce.

"Not many people use ATMs anymore, but we felt like we needed to provide that service particularly for freshmen," said Pearce.

Freshmen are unable to have cars on campus and so they do not have the luxury of going off-campus easily to banks to extract money. They need some sort of resource to get funds and emergency money, according to Pearce.

To make students aware of BB&T and the new ATM, an informational event will be held in the near future where students can sign up for free checking with BB&T and learn more about the bank. The date has not yet been decided, but will soon be posted on EagleEye and in the Student Activities Newsletter, according to Pearce.

The ATM will be placed in Lee Hall right outside the bookstore where it can be accessible for students.

"The purpose of the ATM is to help students," said Pearce.

## Community Marches for Memory

By GREG JONES

The University of Mary Washington's second annual Walk to End Alzheimer's succeeded in bringing a higher participation rate.

On Sept. 29 the Community Outreach and Resources (COAR) planned this year's Alzheimer's Walk, which is a part of COAR's annual "Into the Streets" day of service.

Kicking off the opening speech at 10 a.m. in front of Jefferson Square, UMW President Rick Hurley touched on a personal experience.

Uniting the community, the walk brought together families, friends, co-workers, social and religious groups. Director of Service, Christina Eggenberger, was happy to see the excitement and feel the upbeat atmosphere of the Walk.

"The event was a great way for UMW and the Fredericksburg community to grow together as a community," said Eggenberger. "There were community members and students involved in all aspects."

Alzheimer's disease is the nation's sixth-leading cause of death in America. Today, there is no way to prevent, cure or even slow its progression, according to the Alzheimer's Website.

Showing their support in walking to end Alzheimer's, junior sociology major Kimmy Slater expressed the emotional affect Alzheimer's can have on

someone.

"I know what this disease does to families. The pain of waking up one morning and having your parent or grandparent not know who you are has got to be a horrible feeling," said Slater. "Anything I can do to help, I'll do."

According to Eggenberger, UMW gathered 765 walkers, including 24 UMW students. Last year, the walk had 660 participants.

"I would like to see the partnership continue," said Eggenberger. "UMW can serve as a great community and it exposes our students to a host of ways to get involved and become engaged with citizens."

Senior geology and geography major Meagan Holbrook was pleased with the community support.

"The Walk brought everyone together for a common cause," said Holbrook. "A lot of people were involved; it was an amazing turn out."

As participants began their walk, volunteers worked on the "Promise Garden," consisting of large wind-driven flowers where participants could write the names of past or present Alzheimer's sufferers. Sophomore sociology major Sarah Arnold viewed the garden as a magical moment.

"My favorite part was helping plant the memory garden while the walkers were on their first lap," said Arnold. "Each



Courtesy of Kerri Williams, Magpi Studios

President Rick Hurley spoke at the Alzheimer's Event.

flower represented the reason the team members were walking."

Supporting the Walk participants with cheers and encouraging signs, junior English major Elizabeth Harvey loved the moment when walkers began to cross the finish line into the garden of spinning flowers.

"My favorite part was putting everybody's pin-wheel flower in the garden creating the garden of hope," said Harvey.

"The garden is memorable," said Slater, as she helped prepare

it with the help of other COAR staff volunteers.

"The flower garden turned out really nicely," stated Slater. "I believe it made an impact."

According to the Alzheimer's Association, fundraising helps move towards the mission-related initiatives of care, support and research. However, their actions, both through fundraising and participating in the event, helped to change the level of Alzheimer's awareness in the UMW community.

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## C-SPAN Bus Drives Politics to Campus

By MOLLY HODGES

The Cable-Satellite Public Affairs Network (C-SPAN) established itself as a multimedia trailblazer when the Campaign 2012 Bus arrived on the University of Mary Washington campus on Thursday, Sept. 28.

UMW students and the Fredericksburg community were allowed to tour the technologically-advanced bus and were asked to share what issues will be most important to them in the upcoming election.

The bus was designed to be interactive, with several televisions and computers that visitors were invited to use. Visitors were encouraged to use social media sites and were able to download a free C-SPAN application for their phone or tablet.

Chris Demanche, C-SPAN representative, said that the non-partisan bus is traveling through Virginia to target first-time voters and those who are politically active. The bus was set up to highlight C-SPAN's coverage of the campaigning and to teach visitors about C-SPAN.

Before the tours began, Stephen Farnsworth, UMW political science and international affairs professor, recorded an interview with C-SPAN where he addressed the role that Virginia, as a battleground state, will play in the upcoming election.

According to Farnsworth, Virginia will be one of the most competitive states during the election. Farnsworth responded to electronic communications and telephone calls during the interview.

Farnsworth's interview is available online in the C-SPAN video library.

Sophomore Berkley Schmidt said she was pleased that the bus visited UMW. "I like it whenever we get things here that bring attention to Mary Washington," said Schmidt.



By ALISON THOET

### Sept. 20

Campus Police reported a petit larceny of a bicycle outside Randolph Hall between 12:01 a.m. Sept. 20 and 2:30 p.m. Sept. 26. The case is pending.

### Sept. 23

Campus Police reported a petit larceny of a bicycle at 4:45 p.m. outside Virginia Hall. The case is pending.

### Sept. 24

Campus Police reported a case of vandalism and property damage at the Brompton house between 2 p.m. Sept. 24 and 7 a.m. Sept. 25. The case is pending.

### Sept. 25

Campus Police reported a petit larceny of a bicycle outside Randolph Hall between 9:15 a.m. Sept. 25 and 11 p.m. Sept. 29. The case is pending.

### Sept. 27

Campus Police reported a grand larceny of a bicycle at 3:49 p.m. outside Jefferson Hall. The case is pending.

### Sept. 27

Campus Police reported a petit larceny of a bicycle between 6:30 p.m. and 8:30 p.m. outside the Jepson Science Center. The case is pending.

### Sept. 29

Campus Police responded to a reported sexual battery at Jefferson Hall between 9:30 p.m. and 10:20 p.m. The case was deemed unfounded.

### Sept. 30

Campus Police reported a petit larceny of a bicycle outside Randolph Hall at 9:30 a.m. The case is pending.

Campus Police reported a grand larceny of a bicycle outside of Seacobeck Hall between 6 p.m. Sept. 30 and 9 a.m. Oct. 1. The case is pending.

### Oct. 1

Campus Police responded to a case of vandalism in Mason Hall around 1:48 a.m. The case is pending.

Campus Police reported a petit larceny from an automobile in the Anderson Center parking lot between 5 p.m. Oct. 1 and 11 a.m. Oct. 2. The case is pending.

A UMW student, 21, was arrested for DUI on the 1200 block of Parcel Street.

A UMW student, 21, was arrested for public intoxication.

### Oct. 2

Campus Police reported a petit larceny of a bicycle outside the Jepson Science Center between 11:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. The case is pending.

Campus Police reported a student in possession of marijuana in Alvey Hall at 5:39 p.m. One administrative referral was given.

This information was compiled with help from UMW Police Office Manager James DeLoatch and Fredericksburg Police Department Public Information Officer Natatia Bledsoe.

## Blocking Paths to Build New Ones

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is placing many constraints on students. Senior business major Terrence Watson, like many students, must take the detour route behind the Simpson Library.

"I think the idea of the new Convergence Center is a great idea for campus," said Watson. "My only problem is the way that the construction is messing with Campus Walk."

The gated construction site has sealed off the front entrance to Alvey Hall and Campus walk on the north side of the Simpson library. Junior international affairs major Jahna Paige has no choice but to use the detour.

"The construction on campus is just a disturbance," said Paige. "Honestly, it's a hassle.

When I want to go to the library I have to walk on College Avenue, and walk down to where the Nest meets to get on Campus Walk to access the library."

Senior business major Kevin Yarnell disagrees with how the construction has been handled.

"The construction on campus is very inconvenient when trying to fulfill my daily duties," said Yarnell.

Other issues may arise with the concern of the noise level.

Senior English major, Morgan Harding, worries about the disturbance the construction may cause.

"I think the new additions to campus are great, however, being around while construction isn't," said Harding. "The construction for the Convergence Center is noisy during the day and disrupts those studying in the library."

According to the UMW website, there have been critical steps to alleviate the noise level, especially during finals. The W.M. Jordan construction company has already been asked to minimize noise level as much as possible. The general construction schedule will be 7 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. each weekday, on and off campus.

The construction on campus may be an inconvenience, but it is not a concern to all students. Morgan Downing, senior psychology and women and gender studies major, thinks the hotel is too much.

"The construction on campus is fine with me; I am much more concerned with the off campus construction – the hotel, for example," said Downing. "UMW is a school, not a corporation, and while business and finance are important for UMW's future, the focus needs to remain on the students."

The Convergence Center will be a state-of-the-art four-story structure. The construction is expected to be completed by late 2014 and will be in full use fall 2014.

The five-story, 66,000 square foot Hyatt Place Hotel will provide space for any event UMW holds. The Hyatt Place Hotel Grand Opening will be in the fall of 2013.

## Safety Rides an SGA Priority

By CAROL BATCHELOR

The Student Government Association (SGA) at the University of Mary Washington has finalized its plans for homecoming week and again discussed the Safe Ride program.

The SGA began the semester hoping to establish the Safe Ride program for homecoming, which would give students transportation to and from different locations around Fredericksburg.

During the Sept. 10 meeting, the SGA discussed the many components that needed to be worked out for this program, such as finances and volunteering. The plan is to reach out to the community to raise money for the program to limit the cost to UMW. Some fundraising options discussed included hosting a "College Night" at Pancho Villa.

The following SGA meeting on Sept. 24 resolved that the Safe Ride program will not be set up by homecoming 2012, as funding problems continue. However, SGA hopes to have the program for next semester and are still looking at fundraising options.

The SGA is also working a "Party Safe" campaign, which will aim to make students aware of their safety while partying, and hope to send a newsletter to students about the topic in the near future.

The SGA has also worked to plan homecoming and has finalized a schedule for the week at their meeting on Oct. 1. Wednesday will be the homecoming kick-off with a Lip-Sync concert and Thursday will follow with a pep rally.

The carnival is on Friday and a concert and games will be on Saturday. There will be giveaways at many of the events including sunglasses, key chains and mini fans.

SGA is still looking for more participants for Wednesday's Lip-sync activity. T-shirts have already been ordered, with prices set at \$8 for short sleeve and \$10 for long sleeve.

The carnival will have many attractions such as a trampoline, rock-climbing wall and obstacle course.

SGA hopes to attract most of the student body with these activities and create a good homecoming experience for everyone involved.



### Corrections:

A Sept. 21 article titled "Horseshoes and Hand Grenades Gets New Location" was mistakenly attributed to Ruth Bordett. The article's author was Chelsea Fuller.



# Viewpoints

## Faculty Bonuses: A Deserved Gift

The Governor and General Assembly of Virginia announced on Tuesday that they approved a one-time bonus for all salaried employees here at the University of Mary Washington.

Instructional, research, post-doctoral fellows, administrative and professional faculty and classified staff will all receive a bonus worth three percent of their yearly earnings.

The bonus, to be paid Dec. 12, is a monumental improvement from last year's reward to the faculty, \$200 gift cards to the high-class department store, Macy's.

While we at the *Bullet* believe this bonus is a well-deserved gift to our faculty, we acknowledge that it is only the first step in showing the dedicated instructors and professors

of our university that they are valued and appreciated.

According to the Chronicle of Higher Education, salaries of full and assistant professors at UMW have risen only \$14,000 in the past 11 years while associate professors and instructors have seen a dismal raise of \$9,000.

This information is disheartening when compared with other public universities in Vir-

ginia.

Christopher Newport University, a school with only 600 more undergraduates than UMW, has seen raises ranging from \$15,000 to \$30,000 for their teaching staff since 2001.

The College of William and Mary gave their professors raises of more than \$17,000, with full professors earning an average of \$117,600, more than \$35,500 higher than what full

professors make at UMW.

This information is troubling because it hinders UMW's chances of holding on to, and courting, the most qualified teachers in the state. When applying for teaching jobs, a highly sought-after professor will give greater consideration to the school offering, not only a better salary, but the promise of an increasing income with the changing economy.

In addition, our best, untenured professors may find themselves wandering toward jobs with more welcoming offers.

This bonus is an important advancement in showing our appreciation for the gifted and accomplished professors here at UMW, but to retain our valued professors, we must show them that they are appreciated.

STAFF  
EDITORIAL

## Incumbent's Ad Full of Tired Rhetoric Produces Little Movement Forward

By MAX REINHARDT

In his latest attack ad, President Barack Obama faces the camera and delivers quite a medley of Orwellian word-welding. He gave no specifics on how he would help the 23 million Americans who are unemployed or underemployed, and didn't even mention the 15 million Americans who have been forced to go on food stamps under his watch.

He begins the ad with a trite attack, stating, "Gov. Romney believes that, with even bigger tax cuts for the wealthy and fewer regulations on Wall Street, all of us will prosper. In other words, he'd double down on the same trickle-down policies that led to the crisis in the first place."

First of all, no free market economist in history has ever proposed a theory where, by slashing high income tax rates, the money "trickles down" to the poor. I challenge anyone to name and quote a single economist who has done so.

Second, former President George W. Bush cut taxes for everyone. He raised the income tax-paying threshold so that lower income people would be relieved from paying. He also increased the tax burden on the wealthiest Americans.

According to Treasury Department figures, under former President Bill Clinton the top 25 percent of earners paid 80 percent of all federal income taxes, under Bush that number jumped to 84 percent. The overall tax burden of the scorned 1 percent was raised from 38.4 percent to 39.1 percent. The burden of the bottom 50 percent decreased from 3.4 percent to 3.1 percent.

Obama is peddling the beloved liberal myth that Bush was a big deregulator. Dubya talked the talk of a free-market, but walked the walk of a Keynesian. According to Reason magazine, he added over 90,000 regulators to the federal workforce during his tenure.

Obama continues, "First, we create a million new manufac-



Courtesy of youtube.com/barackobamadotcom

In his new ad, President Obama discusses his plan for America if reelected.

turing jobs and help businesses double their exports. Give tax breaks to companies that invest in America, not that ship jobs overseas."

Obama promised these policies in 2008. Why didn't he deliver when he had a Democratic Congress and a filibuster-proof Senate?

"Second, we cut our oil imports in half and produce more American-made energy, oil, clean-coal, natural gas and new resources like wind, solar and bio-fuels—all while doubling the fuel efficiencies of cars and trucks," continued Obama.

This is nonsense. Obama blocked the construction of the Keystone XL pipeline, which would have created thousands of American jobs. Labor unions begged him to approve the project, but he ignored them. Domestic oil production on public lands has decreased under Obama. In March, the Interior Department reported that drilling on federal lands dropped 14 percent in 2011.

Energy independence can only be achieved if we get our money back on track. To do this, we need to drill. Going green is going to take green.

"Third, we insure that we maintain the best workforce in the world by preparing 100,000 additional math and science teachers," Obama continues. "Training 2 million Americans with the job skills they need at our community colleges. Cutting the growth of tuition in half and expanding student aid so more Americans can afford it."

This is another retread. Obama said the same thing when he was selling the first stimulus package to the public. It passed and Americans got the most anemic economic recovery in seventy-years. The most recent assessment from the Congressional Budget Office has put the cost of the stimulus at \$833 billion. Despite the colossal cost, the economy only grew 1.3 percent last quarter.

"Fourth, a balanced plan to reduce our deficit by four trillion dollars over the next decade on top of the trillion in spending we've already cut. I'd ask the wealthy to pay a little more, and as we end the war in Afghanistan, let's apply half the savings to pay down our debt and use the rest for some nation building right here at home."

At a July 2008 rally, candi-

date Obama called Bush's debt "unpatriotic." But as president, Obama has increased deficit spending by \$5.3 trillion. Bush only increased it by only \$2 trillion. The *Wall Street Journal* reported last month that our national debt has topped \$16 trillion. Obama has zero credibility on deficit reduction.

Obama concludes by saying, "It's time for a new economic patriotism rooted in the belief that growing our economy begins with a strong, thriving middle class. Read my plan. Compare it to Gov. Romney's and decide for yourself."

What on earth is "economic patriotism?" Is it forcibly plundering the people's pocketbooks under penalty of imprisonment? Is it dictating Americans' economic activities? That is what our Founding Fathers fought against!

America has had enough of Obama's rhetoric. With this ad, he had a chance to offer Americans some real solutions, but instead only offered retreats from his last campaign and poll-tested platitudes plucked from the clearance bin at Slogans-R-Us.

## Despite Lack of Football Team, School Spirit is Still a Touchdown

By MOIRA McAVOY

As many of you surely know, college football season is officially in full-swing. On campuses all over the country, Thursday through Saturday is now irrevocably consumed by beer guzzling, fight song screaming and victory partying or, in some cases, bitter rioting.

Take, for instance, Virginia Tech's season opener against Georgia Tech on Monday Sept. 3rd. Virginia Tech won, the players rushed the field, fireworks cascaded over Lane Stadium and my twitter-feed dissolved into a mess of #HokieNationPride.

I saw all of this unfold from the comfort of my living room in Eagle Landing. My friends and I watched the game and became emotionally invested while doing so.

Our commentary and joking throughout the game was

constantly punctuated by remarks about how much we hated how our school does not have a football team. There would be no celebratory ragers this Monday night and no class-wide discourse on the game-saving field goal the next morning. We didn't have that sort of fanatic brotherhood Tech fans have, and we didn't seem to love our school with every fiber of our being.

I know that this is one of the main reasons I wasn't crazy about Mary Washington last year. It didn't feel like that authentic college experience I had come to expect from movies and tales told by friends at bigger universities, like Virginia Tech, James Madison University and

the University of Virginia.

I never wanted to go to Tech, or even a school like it, but for over a year, I've felt cheated, like I was missing out on this huge, almost ceremonial, chunk of my life by being here.

But then, I remembered that I'm friendly with the chair of my department. I remembered that there is a Pulitzer Prize winner on our staff, and that she teaches a class I'll actually be able to take. I remembered that I was cast in a mainstage production as a freshman.

I remembered that we've been able to have intimate shows

with bands like Fun. I remembered that, as I read for my anthropology class, with a whopping 98 people and a professor determined to learn everyone's name, it is the largest class I will ever take. I remembered that I am able to sit and read in a secluded, dilapidated amphitheater and feel at peace with this place.

So what if we don't have a Hokie bird? We have an eagle, and our mascot is loved well enough.

The point is that we have neither football nor official Greek Life, but we also don't have 3000 person lectures, TA's or classes at a Math Emporium. And, while I still feel like I'm missing out on some of the more stereotypical collegiate aspects of a school like that, I'm starting to realize that there is so much more to love about the University of Mary Washington than I've been willing to admit.

So, here's to you, UMW.

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-Moira McAvoy

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# Viewpoints

## Metro Ad Highlights Debate Over Freedom of Speech

By THIKIRI YEE

Do we ever pause to reflect on certain advertisements? Do we care what they're really trying to say? Or do we just focus on their trademark catch phrases and cool poster designs? It is important that we understand what we're reading so that we don't remain gullible to advertisements that are offensive and derogatory.

Last Tuesday, Sept. 25, an Egyptian-American activist, Mona Eltahawy, ran into an altercation with Pamela Hall, an independent journalist, as she tried to stop Eltahawy from calmly spray-painting over a pro-Israeli ad that was placed in a New York subway. The ad, sponsored by the American Freedom Defense Initiative (AFDI), marked anyone who did not support Israel as being "savage" and uncivilized.

The two women then began arguing over freedom of expression, with Eltahawy defending her actions as her right to free speech. The commotion roused by the argument quickly brought nearby policemen to the scene who did not hesitate to apprehend Eltahawy. She was arrested and forced to spend the night in prison.

Eltahawy demanded that the policemen give reason for her arrest, but she was simply handcuffed and hauled off to jail without another word or any justification.



Camerawoman Pamela Hall attempted to block activist Mona Eltahawy from spray painting a subway ad.

tification.

While Eltahawy claimed that this ad was a product of racism, the journalist regarded it as freedom of speech.

Here, one should ponder over

the phrase "freedom of speech," and question what it really entails.

Does freedom of speech give a person the right to insult and personally attack others? Does it

justify the degradation of all other races except one's own?

The ad in question reads, in capital letters, "IN ANY WAR BETWEEN THE CIVILIZED MAN AND THE SAVAGE,

Courtesy of youtube.com/NYpost

SUPPORT THE CIVILIZED MAN. SUPPORT ISRAEL; DEFEAT JIHAD."

One of the AFDI's co-founders, Pamela Geller, a Jewish political activist with a strong anti-Islamic stance, was the woman behind the slogan-

maker, according to the *New York Post*.

It becomes clear that Geller specifically debases Islam when she urges the reader to "defeat Jihad."

The Arabic word "jihad" which literally means "struggle," has been abused by extremists as a feeble excuse for unnecessary bloodshed and who've obliterated its most important meaning. For a believer, jihad is the act of rising against one's own ego through patience, justice and humility in the hopes of attaining greater closeness to God. By attacking this moral principle, Geller's real aim seems to be to defeat anyone who abides by the principle as well.

So, what did she hope to gain through this bold statement, knowing that it would be subjected to criticism, if not by Christians, then by Muslims?

Eltahawy, now charged with criminal mischief and possession of graffiti, has been released from jail and is awaiting another appearance in court to be tried. However, the camerawoman has walked away essentially unscathed for defending an outrageously racist ad. No matter which side one takes, this ironic incident serves as an unpleasant reminder that freedom of speech, in the land of the free, can still lead to dire consequences.



Afghan National Army soldiers participated in Basic Warrior Training from NATO.

Courtesy of flickr.com

## Rising Death Toll in Afghanistan Proves Troops Should Return Home

By RYAN QUINT

The rattle of an AK-47, sharp in the quiet desert, probably marked the 2,000th American casualty in Operation Enduring Freedom.

I say probably because the 2,000th death was caused by the ever-increasing "green-on-blue" attacks. This means Afghan soldiers and policemen, trained by NATO forces in Afghanistan since the conflict's start, are attacking those same NATO forces. According to a *New York Post* article, so far in 2012 alone, more than 50 American and other national forces have been killed by those attacks.

It is time to leave Afghanistan. There is no better proof than the attacks by the so-called "allies" of the coalition. How long does the United States

have to stand losing its service members at the hands of disguised Afghan soldiers?

The American objective has been accomplished; we invaded Afghanistan in October 2001 to

\$22 billion alone in the last three years training Afghan soldiers and policemen, according to the *New York Post*. As seen by the 52 fatalities in the last year at the hands of allies, that plan is not

The 2014 timetable for a complete withdrawal is too slow. The Afghans have made it more than clear that they do not want our help. Hamid Karzai's administration has made it all too clear that they are willing to go behind our backs, and it is time to stop pouring our money into his coffers.

This conflict is the longest in American military history—eleven years this month—and it is time to put the battle flags back in their cases.

It took nine years for American casualties to reach the 1,000 mark, and it has only taken 27 months for the other 1,000 fatalities, according to [icasualties.org](http://icasualties.org). If that casualty ratio keeps up, how many more losses can this country expect to suffer? How many lives are too many? Is it 3,000? 4,000? How many of those deaths will be caused by our own "allies"?

*It is time to leave Afghanistan. There is no better proof than the attacks by the so called allies of the coalition.*

*-Ryan Quint*

get the madman behind Sept. 11, Osama Bin Laden. Bin Laden has been dead for a year and a half now, and still we find our troops in the line of fire and dodging enemy explosives. Trillions of American dollars have been thrown into this conflict,

working.

I am not judging every Afghani in uniform, but I am also not willing to support a conflict in which American soldiers are being killed, not on a battlefield, but on the training grounds and within their own camps.

## Speaking Up for Discussion-Based Curriculum

By HAVEN HEADLEY

"What? You mean we are actually graded on whether we speak up in class or not?" This is what goes through many students' minds on the first day of classes when professors explain that students will be graded on discussion and participation in class. This idea shocks many students who are afraid to speak in public.

Speaking intensive classes also trip some up because they require students to pay more attention. Students must arrive at, and share, their own answers without having them placed right in front of them.

Discussion-based classes are a major part of any Liberal Arts education. Discussion-based classes are prevalent at the University of Mary Washington. Many classes, are centered around student participation and discussion. This may be why most students fall asleep in science classes.

Though it may not seem like it on the first day, discussion-based classes are a lot of help to students in their school environment. These classes are required at our liberal arts college to give students the qualities that from strong, educated and well-rounded students.

With discussion-based classes, students are more engaged in the material that is being taught, and they are able to actively take part in the lesson. Students are encouraged to speak their mind and let their thoughts free.

In these intimate classroom settings, students are able to interact with their professors and other students, allowing them to see where other students' minds are taking them and understand ideas and concepts they may not have heard before. Also, they are able to add on to thoughts they might not have fully developed yet. Other students' or professors' opinions can add to their

ideas and further deepen their understanding of the material at hand.

Discussion-based classes are great for students to learn how to be comfortable with their thoughts and ideas. They aren't as scared of saying the wrong thing because, in discussion-based classes, there is more room for varying opinions and thoughts. In lecture-based classes, one can be completely wrong and looked down upon by themselves or others.

Discussion-based classes also make the classroom friendlier. Students and professors get the opportunity to know each other on a much deeper level. Everyone in the classroom is able to see how someone else is thinking. What is interesting about this is the fact that the way we think can be molded by our experiences both outside and inside of the classroom. In this way, students are able to see each other in a different light than they would in a lecture-based class, where information is given without speculation.

It seems as if students also attend more of their discussion-based classes than their lecture-based classes. This could be a result of students enjoying this classroom forum more. They feel as if it is something they want to do, not something they have to do. There is a major feeling of liberation with speaking your mind about situations that occur. It is even more liberating when you can relate it to problems in the real world. These classes allow students the ability to free their minds!

We are truly lucky to have the school concerned about our speaking abilities. So, rather than questioning why you must participate in class discussion, question what you are positively receiving from the discussions in class and how contributing more in class discussion will end up benefiting you more than you realize.



# Style

## Big Pretzels, Bavarian Dancers, Beer at Oktoberfest



Nancy Belle/Bullet

Capital Ale House's Oktoberfest celebration featured music, dancing, food and beer.

By NANCY BELLE

Going downtown to Capital Ale House's annual Oktoberfest should be something every University of Mary Washington stu-

dent does at least once before they graduate. Even if you are underage or have no interest in beer, it is an event unlike any other. This year, two blocks of

Caroline Street were barricaded off and filled with, not only a ton of people, but food, beer and, of course, fun.

"The people-watching was

amazing," said senior English major Haley Campbell. "I was kind of surprised to see so many age groups represented, from babies to seniors, and more than a

few people in full Oktoberfest costume," she said.

A stage set up on one end of the event hosted a variety of entertainment throughout the day, including Bavarian dancers, a local polka band called the Happy Dutchmen and Fredericksburg's Elby Brass Band. After paying a \$2 cover charge, which benefited the Fredericksburg Area Service League, attendees could choose to spend an extra \$3 to get a commemorative beer mug, which could then be filled with a few varieties of beer for an additional charge.

The event was packed by midday and continued to draw an even bigger crowd as the day went on. According to an article in the Free Lance-Star, the event drew approximately 10,000 people throughout the 13.5 hour event, up from 9,000 attendees last year.

While the beer was a bit pricey for some, the food was excellent. Attendees could munch on a Bavarian pretzel bigger than their own head, a gigantic roasted turkey leg or a bratwurst with chips.

Although it may not have been fully authentic, it was "a good time for people to pretend to be what they think is German," said senior German major Rachel Raiford. Although she admitted to not having attended Oktoberfest in Germany, she said that "chances are it [was]

nowhere near the real thing."

The event was not without controversy. According to the Free Lance-Star, "some downtown merchants [did] not want the festival to be held on Caroline Street." They worried that closing down the two blocks that the festival was held on would negatively affect their businesses.

The event did not close the sidewalks leading into the businesses. Instead, barricades were put up in the road.

Despite their worries, many downtown businesses seemed to have a steady flow of customers throughout the day.

"Working [during Oktoberfest] was definitely an adventure," said sophomore biology major Berkley Schmidt, who works at F.W. Sullivan's on William Street in downtown Fredericksburg.

"Sullivan's was packed, and we were so busy that I actually had to go above normal hostess duty and serve drinks to tables while the servers were running around getting everyone fed," she said. It was "definitely the busiest we've ever been since I started working [at the restaurant]."

If you missed Oktoberfest, then there is always next year.

"I'd definitely suggest other UMW students check out Oktoberfest in years to come," said Campbell.

## Become Sika Deer in Post-Apocalyptic 'Tokyo Jungle'

By JAMES DAWSON

With mankind gone, animals that once relied on humans to survive have reverted back to their instincts, and have turned Tokyo, Japan into a jungle. This post-apocalyptic world serves as the setting for "Tokyo Jungle," one of the most bizarre PlayStation 3 games to come out of Japan this generation.

In "Tokyo Jungle," the player controls one of several animals that inhabit the now overgrown city. Early on, the choices are limited to a Pomeranian and a Sika Deer, but options open up significantly after completing the game's many challenges.

The game is split into two parts, "Survival" and "Story."

In "Survival" mode, the main objective is to live as long as possible. To do this, one must keep a careful eye on their animal's vital signs, since death is permanent and even simple things, like fleas and hunger, could spell the end of an animal's life.

The player is also tasked with finding archives left behind by the humans and completing challenges that unlock new animals and clothing. The archives are especially important, as they unlock new acts in the game's story.

"Story" mode is remarkably different than "Survival" mode. Its focus is less on surviving and more on following a set path to reveal one of several of the game's quirky tales. Because of this, "Story" mode often feels like an extra feature, rather than part of the full game.

Despite the difference in objectives, the gameplay remains largely the same. The player ex-

plores a 3D representation of Tokyo with their chosen animal and gets in fights with other animals along the way.

The game's combat system is a simple combination of pressing the "square" button to attack, dodging with the "right stick" and pressing the "R1" button for a clean kill. This can get monotonous at times, but, overall, it works well in the context of the game.

Players who choose to play as a predator must take this system to heart. They are tasked with killing Tokyo's diverse fauna to survive.

On the other hand, players opting for a grazer might want to learn how to escape danger instead, as they lack the endurance to fight large predators.

Aside from behavior in combat, the two classes play very similar to each other. To survive in Tokyo, both the predators and grazers must feed and bear offspring. To do the latter, they must mark their territory by securing several flags scattered in an area and find a mate.

When an animal mates, it passes on traits to its offspring, which the player then takes control of. These offspring not only act as a way to advance the animal's generation as time passes, but they also act as extra lives.

However, despite its large amount of content, "Tokyo Jungle" suffers from a bit of repetition. Aside from a steep increase in difficulty later on in the game, it never seems to do anything new after the first hour. That said, "Tokyo Jungle" does offer a unique experience that's not likely to be duplicated anytime soon.



Courtesy of YouTube

Players fight to survive as animals living in a post-apocalyptic world.

## Spontaneous Comedy Draws Laughs

By UPMA KAPOOR

The Undeniably Adjacent, the University of Mary Washington's only improv troupe, are off to a strong start after hosting their first show last Friday, Sept. 28, at 8 p.m. in Combs 237.

Most seats in the lecture hall were either occupied or saved for other audience members 20 minutes before the show began. By 7:55 p.m., Combs 237 was beyond capacity as students crouched together on the linoleum floor to grab a glimpse of the forthcoming troupe.

Senior Director Mattson Fields introduced three newcomers and four returning cast members of the Undeniably Adjacent. Without wasting time, Fields announced the schedule for the evening: the troupe would perform three 20-minute sets throughout the hour.

The first game of the evening was a long-form exercise. Long-form implies that all cast members construct various scenes for 20 minutes based off of a one-word suggestion from the audience. The first word was "dragon." The approach the cast members took was to reenact a castle dining scene, with a meal

featuring a dragon claw.

Members were not short of originality as each scene steered in various directions, seeping of social and political jokes. From a drunk President John Kennedy visiting the fictional "Clinton Motel" with Marilyn Monroe, to cutting off one's balls at the Center for Testicular Cancer, the first 20-minute set of the show set an energetic, engaging tone

pop-culture references.

The first half featured adaptations of a jelly fish, Arrested Development's Tobias Funke and a Girl Scout possessed by the devil. The actor who portrayed Tobias even took the liberty of incorporating the timeless line from the show, "I blue myself."

Other crowd favorites in the second half included a giraffe

failing to acknowledge the "new choice." When two members were digging in a ditch, they deadlocked when they could not figure out a "new choice" for the location of the ditch. Ultimately, they decided they were "digging for money in money."

Regardless, the group quickly recuperated and returned to long-form with the phrase, "hot dog." While it did provide room for fitting sexual jokes and references to Oktoberfest, the Undeniably Adjacent also managed to insert a reference to the "Eagle Swoop" dance.

The show ended well with Batman and Superman discussing the prejudices alienating other superheroes, explicitly allegorizing presidential candidate Mitt Romney's recent comment about 47 percent of America.

The Undeniably Adjacent depends on active audience participation. However, improvisation, as it entails, is spontaneous and often relies on cast members' chemistry with one another. If the first show is any indication of this year's series of performances by the group, Friday nights will be rich with wit from here on out.

*By 7:55 p.m., Combs 237 was beyond capacity as students crouched together on the linoleum floor to grab a glimpse of the forthcoming troupe.*

-Upma Kapoor

for the remainder of the evening.

The second segment was Party Quirks, where three cast members play characters at a party, and a fourth plays a host who has to guess which characters the three actors are portraying. While each round of Party Quirk was 10 minutes long, both performances were well executed as the characters dramatically varied and were rich with

with a broken neck and Yoshi from the Super Mario Brothers.

The group ended with a game, New Choice, where the director sits aside and commands a "new choice" to enhance a scene between cast members.

This was one of the group's weakest performances. Members seemed confused and concerned with one another, often

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## Mysterious Jack White Dazzles Fans, Disappears

By RUTH BORDETT

An eerie shade of blue light beamed down upon the stage at the nTelos Wireless Pavilion on Thursday night as musician Jack White's all-male, five-piece backing band took their places at their respective instruments.

The audience buzzed with anticipation that became ecstatic cheering as White strutted out onto the stage wearing a black fedora, covertly tilted down to cover his eyes. Wasting no time, White picked up his guitar and immediately began to play his standout single, "Sixteen Saltines," giving the crowd a good dose of the heavy electric guitar, garage-metal style of music for which White is renowned.

White, who is best known for his role in the now disbanded "White Stripes," stopped in Charlottesville, Va. on Sept. 27 to plug his first solo album, "Blunderbuss." Known for being quite the eccentric oddity, White is a rock music powerhouse who is dedicated to his art.

Opening for White was Shovels and Rope, a two-person

band based out of Charleston, S.C. The band describes their music as "Harmony driven folk, rock and country songs using two old guitars, a kick drum, a snare, a few tambourines, harmonicas and maybe a little keyboard." The crowd received the band's unique, upbeat sound well, and it fit well, considering White's affinity for the south.

For his solo tour, White has put together two separate backing bands, one all female, the other all male. An article about White from the New York Times explains that White has made the puzzling decision to have both bands travel with him for his tour, but with only one performing onstage with him each night.

"He wasn't announcing which until the morning of the show-even the bands would be surprised," according to the New York Times.

Catherine Purtell, a sophomore from the University of Mary Washington who attended the show, thought White's turn onstage as a solo artist exceeded her already high expectations. Having previously seen White play with two of his other bands,

the Dead Weather and the Raconteurs, Purtell preferred White's solo concert.

She said she appreciated the fairly small size of the venue, as it allowed the audience a more intimate view of the enigmatic White.

"I noticed that Jack could really feel and had an emotional attachment to the music he was playing, which is something that you just don't find with musicians now," Purtell said.

Playing only a select few songs from "Blunderbuss," White's set list largely consisted of various songs from the White Stripes, the Raconteurs and some Hank Williams and Lead Belly covers thrown in for good measure.

Although White wasn't much for chatting, he maintained a playful manner with the crowd and seemed to enjoy himself, revealing a smile from time to time. Overall, his focus was the music. He displayed a high level of showmanship and proved just why he is such a highly regarded musician.



Courtesy of Botellita de Cielo.

Jack White slipped out of the nTelos Wireless Pavillion right under fans' noses.

After the show, a small group of concert-goers patiently waited in the rain behind metal barricades, their eyes locked on White's tour buses hoping to

glimpse or get a slight acknowledgement from White himself. However, true to his mysterious ways, White quietly slipped onto his bus before he could even be

recognized, leaving fans speechless, yet steeped in amazement, as they silently watched his army of tour buses drive off into the night.

## Crank the AC and Bake Delicious, Fall-Themed Cookies

By SARA KELLY

I lied to you last time when I told you it was fall. The truth is, most of the time, it's kind of hot. We're wearing shorts and eating things that taste like pumpkin.

What really matters, though, is the spirit of things, which brings me to this week's recipe, adapted from [www.pass-theshushi.com](http://www.pass-theshushi.com): Pumpkin Spice Chai Cookies.

Reminiscent of those nice Starbucks drinks, baking up a batch of these dazzlers is sure to bring back childhood memories of crisp autumn days and consumer-based marketing strategies. They are delicious.

### Directions:

In a large bowl, first beat the butter and sugar until combined. Then, add the egg.

You can let your roommate do this part; they like to help out sometimes. Just be sure to keep an eye out for them near the oven.

Next, add the vanilla extract, chai spice mix and other spices until combined. Finally add the flour and baking soda until you have a good dough going.

Refrigerate under plastic wrap for one hour. I used this hour to clean the bathroom and do my laundry for the week. It was so nice to get those tasks out of the way while I waited!

Preheat the oven to 375 degrees. Take a large tablespoon of the refrigerated dough and round it out until it is about two inches in diameter.

Place dough on a cookie sheet. Continue until all the dough is laid out and bake for 10 to 12 minutes in the oven.

Ok, now this is the fun part. As soon as you take the cookies out of the oven, press a Hershey Kiss into the center of each one. Don't touch them too much or they'll melt. Leave to cool.



Sara Kelly/Bullet

These are perfect for fall, even if it is 85 degrees.

### Ingredients:

1 ¾ cups all-purpose flour  
½ cup sugar  
½ tsp baking soda  
½ cup (1 stick) butter at room temperature  
1 egg  
1 tsp vanilla extract  
¼ cup chai spice mix  
1 tsp pumpkin pie spice  
1 tsp cinnamon  
about half a bag of pumpkin pie spice Hershey Kisses  
(available at Target in the Halloween candy section)

Recipe makes about 22 cookies

### Better Homes and Dorm Rooms



## Superheroes Unite in 'The Avengers'

By MEGAN CHAMPION

New York City is destroyed once again in Marvel's "The Avengers," which was released this summer and shown last weekend at Cheap Seats. It was the highest grossing film in the summer of 2012, and is currently the third highest grossing film of all time.

This is no fluke. Combining the epic superheroes from other popular Marvel movies, such as the "Iron Man" movies, "The Incredible Hulk," "Thor" and "Captain America," "The Avengers" was a force to be reckoned with.

The movie begins with a bang. Loki, Thor's evil brother, steals the tesseract, an ancient artifact capable of opening a portal to Earth. Viewers are immediately thrown into the action with a car chase out of a collapsing research facility.

As the film progresses, each superhero is asked to drop what they're doing and join the team to help save the planet. Natasha Romanov, or the Black Widow, played by Scarlett Johansson, is found tricking villains into giving up undercover information.

Tony Stark, played by Robert Downey Jr., is called upon while making improvements to his big business.

Thor, played by Chris Hemsworth, arrives in a burst of

to make his way in a world that is not in the 1940s anymore.

Director Joss Whedon does well at developing every character. No single character is the main focus of the movie. This

about his brother, Loki.

One of the more interesting aspects about the movie is the way in which these very different characters interact with each other. While each hero obviously has their main flaw, they all work together when united as a team. Iron Man's cockiness helps motivate characters, and the Black Widow uses her skills to discover Loki's plans.

There are many intense action scenes, but the movie hits its peak during the climax on the streets of Manhattan. Each character is present, working together using his or her own strength to save the day.

As the credits roll, many people would get up from their seats, but only true Marvel fans know there is always a scene at the end of the credits. Stay tuned to get a chance to see the Avengers chowing down on schawarma sandwiches.

"The Avengers" will be shown again in Lee 411 on Friday, Oct. 5 at 10 p.m., and Saturday, Oct. 6 at 7 p.m.



Courtesy of marvelousRoland.

Superheroes band together to save the world in "The Avengers."

thunder from the sky, while Bruce Banner, played by Mark Ruffalo, must be tracked down by Romanov and manipulated into joining the team.

Finally, Steve Rogers, played by Chris Evans, also known as Captain America, is still trying

theme of individuality is continued throughout the film.

Each action scene features clips from each superhero's perspective and about their own unique issues, such as the Hulk being afraid of his own strength and Thor's conflicted feelings

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# University Reaches Across Borders for Diversity

By COLLEEN HUBER

The Office of Admissions, the Center for International Education (CIE) at the University of Mary Washington and the English Language Centers (ELS) are working hard to attract more international students to the campus.

"We really think that we are a good fit for international students because of the small class sizes and the private feel," said Rita Thompson, the senior assistant dean of admissions.

UMW is working to identify the best practices in the field to attract international students, according to Jose Sainz, director of the Center for International Education (CIE), with the main goal of diversifying the campus.

One of the steps towards this goal is partnering with ELS, who trains students with English skills and provides them with the opportunity to have an academic career in the U.S., according to Sainz.

According to Thompson, ELS took residence in Eagle Village last November to begin working with UMW.

ELS requires international students to complete up to level

112, English for Academic Purposes, which proves that they have the necessary skills to study at a university in the U.S. before they are able to apply to UMW.

According to the ELS pamphlet, the ELS language centers have been preparing international students to study at American universities for over 50 years. ELS helps international students from more than 140 countries learn English and apply their skills to studying at U.S. universities.

Admissions is also working diligently to attract more international students. Thompson went to Southeast Asia last spring 2012 to attend college fairs and visit schools to raise awareness among students in other countries.

According to Thompson, admissions works with Radek Coufal who is based in London, England. Coufal plays a large role in the recruitment of students by following up with students after they apply and attending college fairs in Europe.

"Our approach is as personalized as it can be regarding the

distance involved," said Carol Descak, associate provost of admissions.

After students apply, the follow-up process is very important in keeping the interest of international students.

"The more you stay in contact and connect with them, it is easier for them to make an informed decision," said Thompson.

Thompson and Descak hope that future, international students will be able to visit the campus before they are admitted.

"Mary Washington is open and inviting to diversity, and the international element enhances that," said Descak.

According to Descak, UMW is tapping into the alumni resources abroad to recruit more students and get the UMW name out.

"It is very exciting that we

are breaking into this market," said Thompson. "It is a group effort here in this office."

The CIE works more with overseeing students coming from abroad and UMW students who are going to study abroad.

"They come into our radar once they have been admitted," said Sainz.

Currently, UMW has 33 international students enrolled, according to Thompson.

"Most I don't meet until they get their visas and arrive," said Cheryl Mason, assistant director of international students and scholars.

The largest exchange program is with Korea, but UMW also has students from Sweden, Peru, Afghanistan, France, Germany, Italy and Myanmar among others.

According to Sainz and Mason, it is always the goal of

any university to increase diversity on campus.

"It is a commitment on the part of the admissions and the provost to increase the number of international students," said Mason.

What attracts the international students to UMW is similar to what attracts domestic students.

"The small campus and the small class size is what international students seek," said Sainz.

The Writing Center is involved in assisting the international students in writing and communication.

"We are not involved in recruiting the students but we make ourselves available to help international students with writing, communication and retention," said Hale.

Thirteen of the international students are girls coming from an all-female university in Korea with the Korean Exchange Program, according to Hale.

"The really cool part they are doing now is the Korean students are coming two weeks before school to get them acclimated," said Hale.

Hale encourages the interna-

tional students to come to her and the Writing Center whenever they need help; she wants the students to know that it is a friendly place for them.

For many of the international students, academics are difficult for them because of the language barrier.

"Imagine having to learn these difficult topics in a different language and make sense of it," said Hale.

At the Writing Center, international students are tutored like any other UMW student, but with a better understanding of their other language. Sometimes they need a little more assistance, according to Hale.

The Writing Center tries to equip their tutors with a variety of cultures and languages, according to Hale.

The Writing Center has 14 tutors, who are all UMW students. They come from all different majors.

"I have heard such positive comments from the students," said Mason, speaking of the international students. "They get a more intimate American experience."

*Mary Washington is open and inviting to diversity, and the international element enhances that.*

- Carol Descak

*The rooms will have everything that is necessary to do a high-quality project.*

- John Morello

## New Gadgets Open Doors to Advanced Projects

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DV/HDV tape decks and a dubbing station that will allow video and audio media to be converted to digital format, according to the pamphlet.

"The rooms will have everything that is necessary to do a high-quality project," said Morello.

According to Morello, students will be able to access the rooms with their UMW ID card.

The Convergence Center will also have a recording studio that will allow students to record small video and audio produc-

tions, according to the pamphlet.

According to the Sextant Group, the window in the recording studio will allow the student in the control room to work with the students in the studio while minimizing audio transference.

The studio will include wireless microphones, multi-format digital recording devices and a control system with a 10-inch wireless touch panel among other amenities, according to the pamphlet.

The room will also include a green and a white cyclorama that will allow students to put a back-

ground in their project.

The Convergence Center will provide a digital auditorium, which will contain three large screens, according to Morello.

The room will have "highly flexible infrastructure

including a two-story media wall will

and studio lighting on a pipe grid system," according to the pamphlet.

The digital auditorium will also provide video conferencing which will enable the user to stream events, ranging from news events and debates to sporting events, according to Morello.

expand from the second and third floors, according to Morello. The media wall will consist of separate flat panels that will come together to create one large screen.

The software that will be provided in the Convergence Center will be the necessary standard and modern audio-visual multimedia software, according to Morello.

"The software will be the program of choice at that moment," said Morello.

The Convergence Center will offer advanced and sophisticated equipment to the students of

UMW to enhance their learning and education experience.

However, Morello emphasized that the amenities that will be available to students are subject to change because technology is constantly expanding and growing.

Freshman Victoria Moore is excited for what the new technology can bring to the Convergence Center.

"It's good that they are going to bring modern technology to UMW so students have the opportunity to use it," said Moore.

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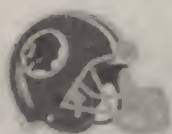
# Sports

## NFC East Picks for Week 5

By KEVIN BOILARD



**Atlanta 35**  
**Washington 28**



The Redskins (2-2) survived a late-game rally by the Tampa Bay Buccaneers last week, but they will not be as lucky in Week 5 when they host an undefeated Atlanta Falcons (4-0) team. The Redskins' secondary has not been able to cover anyone this season, and Atlanta wide outs Roddy White and Julio Jones should be licking their chops. Washington's offense ranks third in yards per game (421.8) and fourth in points per game (30.8), so they should be able to hang with the Falcons in a shootout. In the end, Falcons quarterback Matt Ryan will be too hot for Washington's injury-depleted defensive front to handle, and Atlanta will win by a comfortable one-touchdown margin.



**Philadelphia 17**  
**Pittsburgh 13**



The Eagles (3-1) are on top of the NFC East after taking down the New York Giants in Week 4, and they will be taking on a Pittsburgh Steelers (1-2) team that is fresh off its bye week. Pittsburgh may be rested, but Philadelphia has figured out the winning formula by protecting the football and feeding it to running back LeSean McCoy as much as possible. The Eagles' pass rush will shine in this defensive battle on their way to their fourth victory of the season.



**New York Giants 24**  
**Cleveland 6**



The Giants (2-2), last year's Super Bowl champions, have fallen back down to earth after dropping their first two NFC East matchups of the season, but Week 5 should provide just the lift New York needs. The Cleveland Browns (0-4) are one of two teams still searching for their first win of the season; it's unlikely that they will find it at MetLife Stadium next Sunday. Giants quarterback Eli Manning will outperform Browns rookie Brandon Weeden, as his team rolls to a convincing victory.



**Dallas Bye**  
**Next Week: Baltimore**



After losing to the Chicago Bears on Monday night, the Cowboys will head into the bye week with a 2-2 record. Dallas will try to iron out the wrinkles on their week off; they will visit the Baltimore Ravens (3-1), who currently lead the AFC North, in Week 6.

## Upcoming Events

### Women's Tennis

10/5 at the Hampton Roads Invitational

### Men's Soccer

10/6 vs. Wesley College 2 p.m.

10/7 vs. Kean College 1 p.m.

### Women's Soccer

10/6 at York College of Pennsylvania

10/8 vs. Shenandoah 4 p.m.

### Field Hockey

10/6 at Christopher Newport University

10/9 vs. Washington College 4 p.m.

### Volleyball

10/10 vs. Wesley College 7 p.m.

### Swimming

10/6 vs. Howard University at 1 p.m.

### Cross Country

10/6 at the Goucher College Invitational

### Equestrian

10/7 at the Goucher College Show



Courtesy of Clint Offen  
**Scott Plunkett.**

## CAC Athlete of the Week

Mary Washington senior Scott Plunkett was selected as the CAC Men's Cross Country Athlete of the Week. Plunkett led the Eagles to a second place victory when he crossed the line 4th at the Paul Short Invitational. Plunkett completed the course in 26:28.

-Courtesy of umweagles.com

## Field Hockey Climbs to 11-0 on Season

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junior Mallory Peebles said. "We want to get to NCAA's, being ranked doesn't get you there."

Despite EMU's 2-6 record, the Eagles took this game seriously. Head coach Lindsey Elliot said, "We never take a team

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Mallory Peebles

too lightly. We know we have a target on our backs and teams are going to be after us."

The Eagles, despite wins against ranked opponents, including Lynchburg and Catholic, still have plenty of work cut out for them.

Wesley College, who they lost to in last season's conference semifinals, and Salisbury University, who is ranked first in Division III, are still on their plate.

They venture down to Newport News, Va. Saturday to take on 13th ranked Christopher Newport Saturday. Last season, they won in an overtime thriller. It will be the first of the many tests they will face this October.

Let me tell you something kid: everybody gets one chance to do something great. Most people never take the chance, either because they're too scared, or they don't recognize it when it spits on their shoes.

-The Sandlot

Writing sports for *the Bulletin* is your chance, kid. Don't let it go to waste.



# Sports

## Women's Soccer Notches First CAC Win Improves to 8-1-1 with wins against Wesley and Howard

By KEVIN BOILARD

The University of Mary Washington women's soccer team was able to capture its first Capital Athletic Conference victory with a 5-0 win over Wesley last Saturday. The squad had been searching for the elusive victory since they opened up their conference schedule against Frostburg State University on Sept. 15.

The Eagles tied Frostburg in that match up and followed it up with a 1-0 loss to Salisbury. Since then, they have hit their mark, winning big over Randolph-Macon (4-1) and now Wesley. The two-game winning streak has improved their overall record to 7-1-1 and their conference record to 1-1-1 on the season.

It was clear from the outset that UMW wanted to put Wesley away early. In the game's opening minute, freshman forward and leading scorer Jessica Bednarcik was able to weave her way in front of the net for a shot. The shot ricocheted off Wesley goalkeeper Sydney Kahan's outstretched hands and landed out of play.

Kahan and the rest of the Wolverines' defense were in for a long day, however, as Bednarcik's early drive at the net would be the first of many scoring threats that the aggressive Eagles' offense would pose.

Bednarcik would find fellow freshman forward Adrian Newcomb 13 minutes in for the first point of the game. Newcomb's goal would open up a scoring



Courtesy of Clint Offen

**Freshman forward Adrian Newcomb leaps for a header. She scored the game's first goal against Wesley. On the season, she has scored three goals, starting five games. They play York College of Pa. on Saturday.**

binge for the Eagles that wouldn't end until the game's final minutes.

Not to be outdone by her teammate, Bednarcik made an impressive move four minutes later to get past her defender and set up an easy one-on-one situation with the goalie. Bednarcik was able to capitalize on this opportunity, making the score 2-0.

Mary Washington kept the

pressure on Wesley's defense, but was ultimately held scoreless for the remainder of the first half.

The Eagles were not satisfied with their two-goal lead at the half, though, as head coach Corey Hewson wanted his team to continue to implement what they had been working on in practice.

"The work rate was much

better," Hewson said after the game. "A lot of our opportunities came from the midfield; they were able to set up our offense to score. We had a good transfer from practice to the game."

In the second half, the Eagles continued to push the ball on offense, barraging the Wolverines' defense with shot after shot. UMW was able to outshoot

Wesley 32-2 before the final whistle sounded.

Junior forward Erin Reynolds benefited most from the Eagles' offensive flurry, as she was able to find the back of the net twice in the second half.

A perfectly threaded through ball by Bednarcik led to Reynolds' first goal, and the second one came off a nicely placed pass from freshman midfielder

Lizzie Weast.

Reynolds talked about the importance of good passing after the game.

"Possession is really important to our offense, so we were working on that all week in practice," Reynolds said. "I think we showed our potential today; we showed how well we can do the things that we want to do."

Freshman defender Anna Brauch notched one last goal in the game's closing minutes to make the final score 5-0.

The Eagles' dominant performance should cause a stir in the CAC, as senior defender and captain Emmalee Denkler believes the win over Wesley made a statement.

"We've had some setbacks so far this season, but we keep working hard as a team," Denkler said. "The win today made a statement: just because we had a couple hiccups, that doesn't mean that playing against us will be a cakewalk."

The Eagles continued their winning streak on Tuesday when they took down Division I Howard University, 3-1. UMW was losing by a goal in the second half, but three scores in the final 15 minutes of the game propelled the Eagles to a two-goal victory.

Mary Washington (8-1-1 overall, 1-1-1 CAC) will resume their conference schedule on Saturday when they travel to York College of Pa. (5-1-4 overall, 1-0-1 CAC), who have only given up one goal all season.

## Field Hockey Tops Eastern Mennonite, Florence George Tallies 4 Goals in Win

By WES HOST

The University of Mary Washington field hockey team dethroned the Royals of Eastern Mennonite University Tuesday, 9-1. The Eagles constantly bombarded their opponents with shots from nine players and goals from five.

Senior midfielder Florence George led the Eagles with four goals. She started early, scoring within the first two minutes of the game off of freshman forward Jenna Steele's assist.

Sophomore Amy Abernathy racked up two more in the ninth and the 19th minutes. Steele capped off the Eagle's first half, scoring in the 23rd minute after a pass by sophomore forward Christine Downie.

The Eagles did their best to stay physical despite many of the rules inhibiting contact. They contained along the sidelines, then attacked when a Royal cut toward the open field.

Once they gained possession they went to goal. The team had a surreal 36 shots, 25 of which were on goal.

The Eagles came out for the second half relaxed, and produced much of the same high power offense. George scored the rest of her goals consecutively in the 36th, 41st and 49th minutes.

Senior midfielder Lisa Charney also got her name on the books with a goal six minutes later. The Eagles continued to attack all the way until the final horn. Sophomore midfielder Courtney Rampey scored with



Wes Host/Bullet

**Freshman Jenna Steele weaves through Eastern Mennonite defenders Tuesday at the Battleground. Steele had one goal and one assist against the Royals.**

five minutes to go to.

Being up by a considerable amount allowed less experienced players to get playing time. All 18 players played, in-

cluding an appearance by sophomore goalkeeper Emily Badis. Badis had one save, while starter senior Claire Giannele recorded three saves and was credited the win.

The one-sided game also allowed the team to improve aspects of their game. This game they focused on passing.

"Passing was much better this game," assistant coach Kim Tomlin said. "We also want to do better at avoiding penalty corners by having quicker feet."

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-Assistant Coach Kim Tomlin

Penalty corners are awarded when the defending team commits a foul in its back quarter. If executed correctly,

they can present a major threat to the opposing team. The Eagles gave up five penalty corners while the Royals let up 15, two of which resulted in goals.

George, who is a team captain, had to sit out her sophomore season with an ACL injury. All the pieces have seemed to fall into place this season, as the Eagles have been nothing short of dominant thus far.

They remain undefeated and are ranked fifth in the nation.

However, the team isn't worried about their flawless record or national rank.

"We try not to focus on it,"

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### NCAA DIII Field Hockey Rankings

1. Salisbury
2. Middlebury
3. The College of New Jersey
4. Skidmore
5. Mary Washington
6. Bowdoin
7. Messiah
8. Franklin & Marshall
9. Tufts
10. Montclair State

**-The Eagles compete against no. 1 Salisbury on Oct. 13.**

## Men's Soccer, Volleyball Fall on The Road

### Marymount 1 Mary Washington 0

The Mary Washington men's soccer team lost to Marymount University Sept. 29 by a score of 1-0. Junior midfielder Onar Yousefi snuck a goal by five minutes into the second half, which proved to be the games only scoring. In a frustrating game, the Eagles had 19 shots, eight on goal, while the Saints only had six shots and three on goal. The loss puts the Eagles at an even 5-5 record. They played against Virginia Wesleyan last night but it wasn't over by press time. They look to turn their season around Saturday against Wesley College.

### St. Mary's College 3 Mary Washington 1

Mary Washington Volleyball continued their slide against the Seahawks on Oct. 2. Mary Washington came out swinging, winning the first set by a score of 25-20 but St. Mary's adjusted and was able to take the next three by the score of 25-14, 25-21 and 25-14. Junior Kaitlynn Wickersham recorded eight kills, senior Ellen Smethurst recorded six kills and senior Laura Gomez added four. Their losing streak is now six games. They play again this Saturday against Gallaudet College in the Anderson Center at 7:00 p.m.